859. Some new inscriptions were discovered during the year. The most noteworthy of these being a large inscription on a boulder near Ramadevara Oddu, belonging to the Hoysala King Narasimha and dated in the Saka year 1208. The text of tamil and grantha inscriptions of the Kolar and Bangalore Districts were revised and the manuscript of the same is ready for publication.

860. The question of preservation of megalithic and other ancient sites is under consideration.

(iii) Government Press.

861. The expenditure on the Government Central Press at Bangalore and the Branch Press at Mysore was Rs. 4,89,907 (Rs. 5,33,651) and Rs. 82,842 (Rs. 1,10,489) respectively.

862. The amount realised on account of subscription to the "Mysore Gazette" and advertisement and publication charges was Rs. 15,763 (Rs. 18,048).

Government Central Book Depot.

863. The publications of the Education Department, the Publicity Office, the Palace, the High Court of Mysore, the Red Cross Society, etc., were stocked and sold as usual at the Book Depot. The sale of educational publications was carried on through 512 (375) recognised book-sellers and the official publications at the Government Central Book Depot, Bangalore. The number of subscribers to the High Court Report was 58 (50). The net amount realised by the sale of books and other publications at the Depot was Rs. 2,17,031 (Rs. 2,15,374). The total issues during the year amounted to Rs. 2,68,099 (Rs. 2,53,676).

Government Branch Press, Mysore.

864. The usual work in connection with the Dasara and Birthday sessions, the work of the Mysore University and Railways, the work of the Oriental Research Institute and the Palace and the text-books of the Education Department were executed by the Branch Press, Mysore. Besides, the question papers pertaining to the Public Examinations, terminal and promotional examinations of the University and its constituent Colleges. Education Department including High Schools, Training College, institutions of Civil Station, Bangalore, Indian University and of the Chief Accounts Officer, Mysore State Railway were also attended to during the year.

Government Civil Station Press, Bangalore.

865. The Government Civil Station Press, Bangalore, was amalgamated with the Central Press, Bangalore, with equipment and staff of 27 employees with effect from 1st December 1948. The total amount realised during the year on account of printing works done for Coorg and Central Government Department was Rs. 9,737. The periodicals of Coorg Government such as administration reports, Civil Lists, Budget, Coorg Gazette, etc., and some works of the Central Government Departments situated in Bangalore were printed in the Central Press

General.

866. Vocational classes in printing were given to 32 (34) students of the second and third year classes of the High Schools at Bangalore and Mysore. The number of candidates who appeared for the S.S.L.C. Examination of 1950 with Printing and Book Binding as additional subjects was 13, of whom 8 came out successful in that subject. The school for imparting education to the younger employees of the Press was conducted by the Department of Public Instruction. Special arrangements were made for imparting instruction in theory and practice of printing for the benefit of the employees, who were desirous of improving knowledge and appear for the Commercial Examinations of the Governments of Mysore and Madras.

Stationery Depot.

867. The value of the stock of stationery articles at the Government Stationery Depot, Bangalore, at the beginning of the year was Rs. 2,54,348 (Rs. 1,45,568) and the value of additions made during the year amounted to Rs. 7,88,357 bringing the total stock at the end of the year to Rs. 10,42,705 (Rs. 13,78,061). The total cost of paper and stationery articles purchased during the year through the Stores Purchase Committee and the Deputy Controller of Stationery, Government of India, Calcutta, was Rs. 7,71,495 (Rs. 11,99,922).

868. The purchase of stationery articles, printing and writing papers and boards was made through the Stores Purchase Committee. In a few cases, however, local purchases were made of special varieties of paper and stationery articles as a measure of emergency.